

them by way of fees, commission or any other method. The measure will also help in additional information about the state of art equipment becoming available to the Service Headquarters and payments made to authorised agents/representatives will be covered under the income tax.

(iv) In consultation with the Comptroller & Auditor General of India (C&AG) and the Central Vigilance Commission (CVC), the Government has institutionalized a procedure for a mandatory and time bound scrutiny of all major defence deals exceeding Rs. 75 crores with effect from 21-9-2000. Accordingly, details of all purchase/procurement decisions/award of works of a value exceeding Rs. 75 crores will in the normal course be sent to the C&AG within a month of such a decision having been taken and in any case, not later than three months. The C&AG will have all such cases scrutinized as expeditiously as possible and render a report to the Government. The Chief Vigilance Officer in the Ministry of Defence will scrutinize these reports of the C&AG to ascertain if there is any case for initiating disciplinary/vigilance/legal action in the matter. Thereafter, wherever necessary, a formal reference will be made to the CVC by the CVO, Ministry of Defence. Besides, in accordance with the standing instructions issued by the CVC, details of all contracts above Rs. 2 crores are being sent to the CVC regularly on a quarterly basis. Copies of these reports are now also being sent to the C&AG.

Ban on Dalit Rally in Delhi

***156. SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY:** Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a ban had been imposed by Government on the rally of dalits which was to be held at Ram Lila Ground in Delhi on 4th November, 2001;

(b) if so, whether the organisers had taken prior permission from the administration in this regard; and

(c) if so, the reasons for imposing ban on holding of said rally?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) to (c) Delhi Police were constrained to revoke the permission granted to the organizers to hold the Function at Ram Lila Ground, Delhi on 3rd and 4th November, 2001 as the inputs received later led to an apprehension that the event, if held at the said venue, was likely to disturb communal harmony and create a law and order problem.

Tackling of Terrorism

***157. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL:** Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news-item published in the Hindustan Times dated the 2nd November, 2001, captioned, "How other terrorist affected nation's cope";

(b) whether Government propose to bring forward any suitable legislation to punish those persons who indulge/intend to threaten the integrity, unity and sovereignty of India or try to strike 'terror' using bombs etc.; and

(c) if so, when and whether Government were able to arrive at any agreement with other political parties in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The President has promulgated the Prevention of Terrorism Ordinance, 2001 on 24.10.2001. The various provisions of the Ordinance have been framed after taking into account similar laws in other countries like the UK Terrorism Act, 2000; views received from different State Governments/Union Territory Administrations; experience gained in the implementation of Terrorist And Destructive Activities (Prevention) Act; etc. The Ordinance has been discussed in the meetings of the Consultative Committee of Ministry of Home Affairs in Parliament on 23.11.2001 and 26.11.2001 specially convened for the purpose. A bill to replace the Ordinance is proposed to be introduced during the current